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SRI V. CHIDANANDAM :—" In view of the fact that a number of questions have been left over the other day for to-day, and as so many questions had been left over to-day, when are we to complete the questions? There are so many important questions."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The answers to the remaining questions will be printed in the proceedings."

Representations from the Harijans of Vadalakunta in Kovvur taluk, West Godavari district.

* 731 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government (Collector) received any representations from the Harijans of Vadalakunta of Kovvur taluk in West Godavari district complaining that the caste-Hindus of the village are not permitting the Harijans to use the public well (Rural Water-supply well) for drinking water purposes;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the Government proposed another well at enormous cost exclusively for those Harijans?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) The well near the Harijan colony in Vadalakunta village of Kovvur taluk is a District Board well and was not constructed under the R.W.S. scheme. No complaints have been received so far to the effect that the Harijans are not allowed to use the well in question.

" (b) Does not arise.

" (c) As the water-supply in the existing well was not sufficient for the use of the entire population of the village the erection of a pump at a cost of Rs. 1,000 has been sanctioned by the Collector. It is a fact that the well is proposed for the use of the Harijans. The cost is not however enormous as explained above."

Agricultural farm at Palur, South Arcot district.

* 732 Q.—SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Agricultural farm at Palur, South Arcot district, is working at a loss or gain to Government; and

(b) what is the amount of expenditure incurred every year on its maintenance?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (a) The Agricultural Research Station, Palur, is working at a loss in the sense that expenses are not covered by receipts.

" (b) The average annual expenditure incurred on the maintenance of the station during the last five years is about Rupees 47,000."